

44th MEETING
OF THE
MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Tuesday, March 18, 2003
Minutes

Chairman Wilson called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M.

Commissioners present: Beasley, Etheredge, Jensen, Malouf, and Zanger. Commissioner Ginsburg participated by speaker telephone.

ITEM 1.

Update on Commission Activities

- Data Systems and Analysis
- Health Resources
- Performance and Benefits

Ms. McLean announced that Enrique Martinez-Vidal and Ben Steffen were in Annapolis testifying on proposed legislation. The written updates for their divisions were provided to the Commissioners. Pamela Barclay, Deputy Director for Health Resources, presented a detailed update regarding the Committee for Outcome Assessment in Cardiovascular Care and subcommittees. Chairman Wilson thanked Ms. Barclay for her report. Copies of the *Update* were available on the documents table and on the Commission's website at: <http://www.mhcc.state.md.us/mhccinfo/cmsnmtgs/updates/>.

In order to utilize time effectively while anticipating the participation of Commissioner Larry Ginsburg via teleconference, the Commission changed the order of the items on the agenda.

ITEM 2.

PRESENTATION AND RELEASE: *Practitioner Utilization: Trends within Privately Insured Patients, 2000-2001*

Chairman Wilson announced the next agenda item. He said that the Commission is required by Maryland law to report on the use of practitioner services by residents and the associated payments by insurance companies and recipients for those services. To provide the Commission with information on trends in fees and changes in utilization patterns under state regulations, insurance companies and health maintenance organizations (HMOs) submit claim and capitated encounter data to the Commission. The data from these submissions constitute the Medical Care Data Base. Ben Steffen and Dr. Christopher Hogan of Direct Research presented the major findings of the report. The report examines payments to physicians and other health care practitioners for care provided to privately insured Maryland residents under age 65. Analysis is based on the health care claims and encounter data that private health insurance plans serving Maryland residents submit annually to the Maryland Health Care Commission as part of the Medical Care Data Base. Chairman Wilson thanked Dr. Hogan for his presentation. The report is available online at: http://www.mhcc.state.md.us/database/_database.htm

ITEM 3.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Ginsburg joined the meeting by speaker telephone. Vice Chairman George Malouf made a motion to approve the Minutes of the February meeting of the Commission, which was seconded by Commissioner Evelyn Beasley, and unanimously approved.

ITEM 4.

ACTION: CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Sheppard Pratt Hospital, Application for Certificate of Need for Hospital Replacement and Renovation, Docket No. 02-03-2108

Chairman Wilson said that Debbie Rajca, Health Policy Analyst, would present the request for a Certificate of Need from Sheppard Pratt Hospital to redesign its campus, and remodel and expand its available facilities by constructing a replacement hospital and renovating existing structures. The estimated total capital cost of the project is estimated at \$84,825,000. Ms. Rajca said that Sheppard Pratt Hospital applied for a Certificate of Need to redesign its campus, and remodel and expand its available facilities by constructing a replacement hospital and renovating existing structures. The Hospital proposed to construct a new four-story patient building that will also house administrative offices. New patient rooms will be private to offer maximum occupancy without issues of gender roommate matching, and a total of 192 beds will be available in the replacement hospital. Once patients have been transferred into the new building, the A and B buildings of the current facility will be renovated for the residential treatment center (RTC) and respite care programs. Additionally, there will be renovations to the power plant and other site improvements, including increased parking. Staff recommended that the Commission approve the proposal. Vice Chairman Malouf made a motion that the Commission approve the application for Certificate of Need, which was seconded by Commissioner Lynn Etheredge, and unanimously approved.

ACTION: Sheppard Pratt Hospital, Application for Certificate of Need for Hospital Replacement and Renovation, Docket No. 02-03-2108 is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM 5.

FINAL ACTION: COMAR 31.11.06 — Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan

Chairman Wilson said that in November, the Commission approved the proposed regulations to implement one change to the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan (CSHBP), previously voted on at the October 2002 meeting: coverage for residential crisis services. Suellen Wideman, Assistant Attorney General, presented this change. Upon final approval, this change will be implemented effective July 1, 2003. Commissioner Beasley made a motion to approve promulgation of the regulation, which was seconded by Commissioner Allan Jensen, and unanimously approved.

FINAL ACTION: COMAR 31.11.06 — Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan, is hereby APPROVED.

ITEM 6.

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC HEALTH NETWORKS

- Per-Se Technologies
- HDX

Chairman Wilson announced that the Commission would consider applications from HDX and Per Se Technologies for electronic health network certification. Ben Steffen presented these applications for certification. Commissioner Jensen made a motion to approve the certification of Per-Se Technologies, which was seconded by Commissioner Etheredge, and unanimously approved.

ACTION: Per-Se Technologies is hereby APPROVED as an electronic health network.

Commissioner Marc E. Zanger made a motion to approve the certification of HDX, which was seconded by Vice Chairman Malouf, and unanimously approved.

ACTION: HDX is hereby APPROVED as an electronic health network.

ITEM 7.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Chairman Wilson said that the legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly was drawing to a close. Kristin Helfer-Koester, Chief of Legislative and Special Projects, reviewed the legislative activities of the Commission particularly regarding the small group market and the trauma bill. Chairman Wilson thanked Ms. Helfer-Koester for her report.

ITEM 8.

Hearing and Meeting Schedule

Chairman Wilson announced that the next scheduled meeting of the Maryland Health Care Commission will be on Tuesday, April 22, 2003 at 4160 Patterson Avenue, Room 100, in Baltimore, Maryland at 1:00 p.m.

ITEM 9.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. upon motion of Vice Chairman Malouf, which was seconded by Commissioner Zanger, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners.